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## **COMPLIANCE SUMMARY REPORT**

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Model: SM-F731B

Only operations relevant to this permissive change were evaluated for compliance. Please see the original compliance evaluation in RF Exposure Technical Report S/N: 1M2303170032-23.A3L for complete evaluation of all other operating modes. The operation description includes a description of all changed items.



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## 1 STRATEGY FOR COMPLIANCE DEMONSTRATION

## 1.1 RF Exposure Evaluation Strategy

The FCC RF exposure limits defined based on time-averaged RF exposure. The device under test (DUT) uses the Qualcomm Smart Transmit Gen2 feature with no antenna grouping to control and manage transmitting power in real time and to ensure at all times the time-averaged RF exposure is in compliance with the FCC requirement for 2G/3G/4G/5G NR. Additionally, this device supports WLAN, Bluetooth and NFC technologies but the output power of these modems is not controlled by the smart transmit algorithm.

Demonstrating compliance of DUT enabled with Qualcomm Smart Transmit feature is completed in three parts:

### 0. RF Exposure Compliance Test Report Part 0: SAR Characterization and PD Characterization

The SAR Characterization, denoted as SAR Char, determines the power limit that meets FCC exposure requirement after accounting for device design related uncertainties for each supported radio configuration and RF exposure usage scenario. The determined power limits will be loaded and stored in the EUT via the Embedded File System (EFS), and then used as inputs for Smart Transmit to operate.

For 2G/3G/4G/5G Sub6, SAR Char is derived from SAR test measurements and conducted power measurements to determine  $P_{Limit}$  for each technology/band. The  $P_{Limit}$  represents the maximum time-averaged power level for the corresponding radio/antenna configuration.

### 1. RF Exposure Compliance Test Report Part 1: Test in Static Transmission Condition

Part 1 demonstrates that DUT meets FCC SAR limit when transmitting at pre-determined maximum time-averaged power level: *P*<sub>Limit</sub> for 2G/3G/4G/5G Sub6 NR.

The exposure from the simultaneous transmission of WWAN is evaluated in Part 2 report.

### 2. RF Exposure Compliance Test Report Part 2: Test in Dynamic Transmission Condition

Part 2 demonstrates compliance in Tx varying transmission conditions and validates Qualcomm Smart Transmit algorithm. The test results reported in Part 2 demonstrates that DUT complies with FCC RF exposure requirement under Tx varying transmission scenarios, thereby validity of Qualcomm Smart Transmit algorithm.

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#### 1.2 Nomenclature

Applicable Technologies	Term	Description
	P <sub>Limit</sub>	Power level that corresponds to the exposure design target (SAR_design_target) after accounting for all device design related uncertainties
2G/3G/4G/5G	P <sub>Max</sub>	Maximum tune up output power
Sub6	T <sub>SAR</sub>	Defined time averaging window for <i>f</i> < 6 GHz
	SAR_design_target	Target SAR level resulting in maximum time-averaged
		exposure optimized from total uncertainty
	SAR Char	Table containing <i>Plimit</i> for all technologies
2G/3G/4G/5G	regulatory body	Regulatory body that the algorithm is designed to comply. Algorithm's time averaging window is dependent on either FCC or ICNIRP requirements.
Sub6 NR	reserve_power_margin	Margin below <i>P<sub>Limit</sub></i> reserved for future transmission
	P <sub>reserve</sub>	Minimum transmit power with a designated margin below $P_{Limit}$

### 1.3 Bibliography

Report Type	Report Serial Number
RF Exposure Part 2 Original Filing Test Report	1M2303170032-22.A3L
RF Exposure Part 2 Test Report	1M2305260071-03.A3L
RF Exposure Part 1 Original Filing Test Report	1M2303170032-19.A3L
RF Exposure Part 1 Test Report	1M2305260071-01.A3L
RF Exposure Part 0 Test Report	1M2303170032-20.A3L
WIFI 6E RF Exposure	1M2303170032-21.A3L

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### 2 TIME AVERAGING ALGORITHM

## 2.1 Algorithm Description

The FCC RF exposure limit is defined based on time-averaged RF exposure. When running in a wireless device, Qualcomm Smart Transmit algorithm enables more elegant power control mechanisms for RF exposure management. It ensures at all times the wireless device is in compliance with the FCC limit of RF exposure time-averaged over a defined time window, denoted as  $T_{SAR}$  for specific absorption rate (SAR for transmit frequency < 6 GHz).

The Smart Transmit algorithm not only ensures the wireless device complies with RF exposure requirement, but also improves the user experience and network performance.

For a given wireless device, RF exposure is proportional to the transmitting power.

- Once the SAR of the wireless device is characterized at a transmit power level, RF exposure at a different power level for the characterized configurations can be scaled by the change in the corresponding power level.
- Therefore, for a characterized device, RF exposure compliance can be achieved through transmit power control and management.

The Smart Transmit algorithm embedded in Qualcomm modems reliably controls the transmit power of the wireless device in real time to maintain the time-averaged transmit power, in turn, time-averaged RF exposure, below the predefined time-averaged power limit for each characterized technology and band.

- This predefined time-averaged power limit is denoted as P<sub>Limit</sub> corresponding SAR limit (frequency < 6 GHz in this report.</li>
- The wireless device continuously transmitting at *P*<sub>Limit</sub> level level complies with the FCC RF exposure requirement.

In a simultaneous transmission scenario, the algorithm manages all active transmitters and make sure the total exposure ratio from each transmitter not exceeding to 1.

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#### 2.2 Basic concept of the algorithm

The Smart Transmit algorithm controls and manages the instantaneous transmit power (Tx) to maintain the timeaveraged Tx power and therefore, time-averaged RF exposure in compliance with FCC limits.

- If time-averaged transmit power approaches P<sub>Limit</sub>, then the modem needs to limit instantaneous transmit power to ensure the time-averaged transmit power does not exceed  $P_{Limit}$  in any  $T_{SAR}$  time windows since the time-averaged RF exposure is required to comply with the FCC RF exposure limit in any  $T_{SAR}$  time window.
- The wireless device can instantaneously transmit at high transmit powers and exceed the P<sub>Limit</sub> level for a short duration before limiting the power to maintain the time-averaged transmit power under Plimit.
- If the wireless device transmits at high power for a long time, then the radio link needs to be dropped to be compliant with time-averaged Tx power requirement (see Figure 2-1).
- To avoid dropping the radio link, Smart Transmit algorithm starts the power limiting enforcement earlier in time to back off the Tx power to a reserve level (denoted as Preserve), so the wireless device can maintain the radio link at a minimum reserve power level for as long as needed, and at the same time ensure the time-averaged Tx power over any defined time window is less than  $P_{Limit}$  at all times (see Figure 2-2). At all times, Smart Transmit meets the below equation:

time. 
$$avg.Tx\ power = \frac{1}{T_{SAR}} \int_{t-T_{SAR}}^{t} inst.Tx\ power(t)\ dt \le P_{limit}$$
 Equation 2-1

where,  $time.avg.Tx\ power$  is the transmit power averaged between  $t-T_{SAR}$  and t time period;  $T_{SAR}$  is the time window defined by FCC for time-averaging RF exposure for Tx frequency less than 6GHz (sub6); inst. Tx power (t) is the instantaneous transmit power at t time instant; PLimit is the predefined time-averaged power limit.

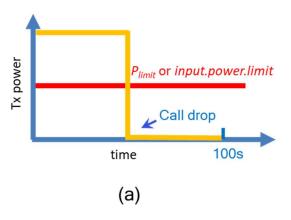


Figure 2-1 Transmit at high power when needed and permitted

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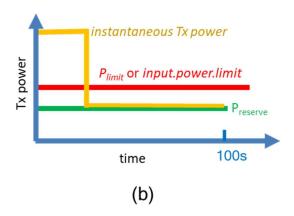


Figure 2-2 Transmit with reserve power to support continuous transmission at a minimum power level (Preserve)

In the case of simultaneous transmission, Smart Transmit manages all active transmitters and make sure the total exposure ratio is less than 1

$$\sum \frac{\frac{1}{T_{SAR}} \int_{t-T_{SAR}}^{t} SAR(t) \, dt}{FCC \, SAR \, limit} \leq 1$$

**Equation 2-2** 

### 2.3 **Configurable Parameters**

The following input parameters are required for functionality of Qualcomm Smart Transmit algorithm. These parameters cannot be accessed by the end user, because at the factory they are entered through the embedded file system (EFS) entries by the OEM

Input Parameter	Description
regulatory body	<ul> <li>Inputs of "0" and "1" corresponding to FCC and ICNIRP requirements for the averaging time windows.</li> <li>For FCC, algorithm uses an averaging window of 100 seconds for f &lt; 3 GHz, 60 seconds for 3 GHz &lt; f &lt; 6 GHz, and 4 seconds for 24 GHz &lt; f &lt; 42 GHz.</li> </ul>
Tx_power_at_SAR_design_target (P <sub>Limit</sub> in dBm) f < 6 GHz	The maximum time-averaged transmit power, in dBm, corresponding to the SAR_design_target.
	SAR_design_target is pre-determined for this DUT and it is less than regulatory SAR limit after accounting for all design related tolerances. The time-averaged SAR is assessed against this SAR_design_target in real time to determine the compliance.

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	P <sub>Limit</sub> could vary with technology, band and Device State Index (DSI) and therefore, it has the unique value for each technology, band and DSI.
reserve_power_margin (P <sub>reserve</sub> in dBm)	The margin below $P_{\textit{Limit}}$ reserved for future transmission with a minimum transmit power $P_{\textit{reserve}}$
	$P_{reserve}$ (dBm) = $P_{limit}$ (dBm) - $Reserve\_power\_margin$ (dB)
	When the $Reserve\_power\_margin$ is set to 0 dB, Smart Transmit effectively limits the upper bound of the transmit power to $P_{limit}$ and the DUT transmits continuously at $P_{limit}$ without utilizing Smart Transmit dynamic control feature.

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## **DUT DESCRIPTION**

#### 3.1 **Device Overview**

Band & Mode	Operating Modes	Tx Frequency	
GSM/GPRS/EDGE 850	Voice/Data	824.20 - 848.80 MHz	
GSM/GPRS/EDGE 1900	Voice/Data	1850.20 - 1909.80 MHz	
UMTS 850	Voice/Data	826.40 - 846.60 MHz	
UMTS 1750	Voice/Data	1712.4 - 1752.6 MHz	
UMTS 1900	Voice/Data	1852.4 - 1907.6 MHz	
LTE Band 12	Voice/Data	699.7 - 715.3 MHz	
LTE Band 17	Voice/Data	706.5 - 713.5 MHz	
LTE Band 13	Voice/Data	779.5 - 784.5 MHz	
LTE Band 26 (Cell)	Voice/Data	814.7 - 848.3 MHz	
LTE Band 5 (Cell)	Voice/Data	824.7 - 848.3 MHz	
LTE Band 66 (AWS)	Voice/Data	1710.7 - 1779.3 MHz	
LTE Band 4 (AWS)	Voice/Data	1710.7 - 1754.3 MHz	
LTE Band 25 (PCS)	Voice/Data	1850.7 - 1914.3 MHz	
LTE Band 2 (PCS)	Voice/Data	1850.7 - 1909.3 MHz	
LTE Band 41	Voice/Data	2498.5 - 2687.5 MHz	
NR Band n5	Voice/Data	826.5 - 846.5 MHz	
NR Band n66	Voice/Data	1712.5 - 1777.5 MHz	
NR Band n25	Voice/Data	1852.5 - 1912.5 MHz	
NR Band n2	Voice/Data	1852.5 - 1907.5 MHz	
NR Band n41	Voice/Data	2501.01 - 2685 MHz	
NR Band n77	Voice/Data	3455.01 - 3544.98 MHz	
INIX Ballu III I	voice/Data	3705 - 3975 MHz	
2.4 GHz WLAN	Voice/Data	2412 - 2472 MHz	
U-NII-1	Voice/Data	5180 - 5240 MHz	
U-NII-2A	Voice/Data	5260 - 5320 MHz	
U-NII-2C	Voice/Data	5500 - 5720 MHz	
U-NII-3	Voice/Data	5745 - 5825 MHz	
U-NII-4	Voice/Data	5845 - 5885 MHz	
U-NII-5	Voice/Data	5935 - 6415 MHz	
U-NII-6	Voice/Data	6435 - 6515 MHz	
U-NII-7	Voice/Data	6535 - 6875 MHz	
U-NII-8	Voice/Data	6895 - 7115 MHz	
Bluetooth	Data	2402 - 2480 MHz	
NFC	Data	13.56 MHz	
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### **RF Exposure Compliance Summary** 4.1

All transmission scenarios that the DUT supports comply with FCC time-averaged RF exposure requirements, as shown in Table 4-1.

> Table 4-1 Reported RF Exposure Levels

	RFx Evaluation	Power Level	FCC Limit	Reported RF Exposure Level	Test Report
SAR (W/kg)	Standalone 1g SAR	P <sub>limit</sub>	1.6	1.05	
	Standalone 10g SAR	P <sub>limit</sub>	4.0	3.03	FCC SAR Evaluation Report
	Simultaneous Tx 1g SAR	$P_{\mathit{limit}}$	1.6	1.52	(Part 1)
	Simultaneous Tx 10g SAR	P <sub>limit</sub>	4.0	3.99	

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